

Warden Message – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador
Two Announcements Regarding Residency in Ecuador

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The U.S. Embassy in Quito informs U.S. citizens living in Ecuador, or who have recently moved to Ecuador, of two recent announcements concerning residency in Ecuador.

The first announcement is that the INEC (Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censo) will have a national statistics day on Sunday, November 28, 2010. The “Censo” day is an opportunity for the government to obtain a more complete account of people and households in Ecuador in order to generate statistics about Ecuadorian living conditions. The INEC plans to publish the general information they receive. However, individual information will be protected by law under Article 21 of the Statistics Law.

On that day, Sunday, November 28, the Ecuadorian government asks that you stay in your house and wait until high school students (who will identify themselves) visit your home and request that you answer a questionnaire.

The second announcement is regarding a new “Censo Card” that is now being issued for non-Ecuadorian citizens. The card will be issued by the government of Ecuador to holders of immigrant and nonimmigrant (more than three month) visas in Ecuador. The card is a secondary identification required to apply for the Cedula (national identification card).

Non-Ecuadorian citizens can apply for the “Censo Card” at the Departamento de Migración through the National Police in the capital of your province.

Please see below two samples of the Ecuadorian “Censo” card for immigrant and nonimmigrant visa holders. The differences are marked in both cases. Immigrant visas are indefinite, while nonimmigrant visas are valid for the period of validity of the visa. Non-Ecuadorian citizens are required to present their “Censo card” to Ecuadorian Immigration officials upon departure from Ecuador.

IMMIGRANT VISA



Immigrant visa CENSO does NOT have an expiration date

NON-IMMIGRANT VISA



Non-Immigrant visa CENSO does have an expiration date

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador through the [Department of State's travel registration website](#).

U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the [Department's website](#). Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone number for American Citizen Service (ACS) inquiries is (011 593-2) 398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Appointments for ACS are available through our [website](#).

The [U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil](#) is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies.

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